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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice, amend claims 1-6, 8-10, 14 and 16 and add new claims 19 and 20 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A system for a licensee to control ~~controlling~~ access to or distribution of software and/or data among a plurality of client nodes, the system comprising:  
means for storing software and/or data that is to be made available to predetermined licensed client nodes, each client node of the plurality of client nodes being a data processing device for which access to specified software or data may be allowed if licensed, and for storing a list of identifiers for licensed client nodes, each ~~of which~~ identifier uniquely ~~identifies~~ identifying one of the predetermined nodes, the presence of each identifier on the list authorizing the predetermined client node associated with the identifier to be allowed access to the software and/or data; and  
  
a client application at each client node that is configured to identify whether the unique identifier for that node is included on the list and allow access to the software and/or data by the client node at which the client application resides only if the identifier is included on the list.
2. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for storing the software and/or data and the list of unique client identifiers is portable.

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3. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the means for storing the software and/or data and the list of unique client identifiers comprises a compact disc.
4. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the means for storing the software and/or data and the list of unique client identifiers comprises a floppy disc.
5. (original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the client nodes are part of a communications network.
6. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the means for storing is provided in a shared information storage area of a server that can be remotely accessed by at least some or all of the client nodes.
7. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the client application is operable to generate a unique identifier for the client node on which the client application resides and compare this with the unique identifiers on the authorized list, thereby to identify whether the unique identifier for that node is on the list.
8. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the client application executes a license management program which uses node specific data to generate the unique identifier.
9. (currently amended) A method for a licensee to control ~~controlling~~ access to or distribution of software and/or data among a plurality of client nodes, the method comprising:  
storing in association with the software and/or data, a list of unique identifiers for  
licensed client nodes, each of which uniquely identifies one of the ~~predetermined~~ nodes  
authorized to be allowed access to the software and/or data;

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identifying whether a unique identifier for a particular node is included on the list; and  
controlling the operation of each node so that the node examines the list and verifies that  
the unique identifier for the node appears on the list, the node loading or installing or using the  
software and/or data only if the unique identifier for the node is appears on the list.

10. (currently amended) A program storage device, readable by a machine, having  
encoded thereon instructions executable by the machine for:

~~identifying executing a license management program to establish~~ a unique identifier  
associated with the machine executing the instructions;

reading a list of unique identifiers associated with specified software and/or data, each  
unique identifier being uniquely associated with one of a plurality of machines and establishing  
its associated machine as licensed for the specified software and/or data; and

controlling the operation of a client node comprising the machine executing the  
instructions so that the machine accesses the software and/or data only if the unique identifier for  
the client node appears on the list of unique identifiers.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A program storage device as claimed in claim ~~11~~10,  
wherein the instructions encoded thereon include instructions for generating the unique identifier  
using node specific data.

13. (currently amended) A data processing device serving as a client node  
comprising:

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means for reading a list of unique identifiers associated with software and/or data, each unique identifier being uniquely associated with one of a plurality of client nodes or terminals licensed to use the software and/or data; and

means for controlling the operation of the data processing device so that the data processing device loads or installs or uses the software and/or data only if its own unique identifier is on the list of unique identifiers.

14. (currently amended) A data processing device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

means for generating a unique identifier for the node implemented by the data processing device and comparing this with the unique identifiers on the authorized list, thereby to identify whether the unique identifier for that node is on the list and licensed.

15. (previously presented) A data processing device as claimed in claim 14, wherein node specific data is used to generate the unique identifier.

16. (currently amended) A self-service terminal comprising:

means for reading a list of unique identifiers associated with software and/or data, each unique identifier being uniquely associated with one of a plurality of self-service terminals, licensed to use the associated software and/or data; and

means for controlling the operation of the self-service terminal so that the self-service terminal loads or installs or uses the software and/or data only if a unique identifier associated with the self-service terminal appears is on the list of unique identifiers.

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17. (previously presented) A self-service terminal as claimed in claim 16 further comprising:

means for generating a unique identifier for the self-service terminal and comparing this with the unique identifiers on the authorized list, thereby to identify whether the unique identifier for the self-service terminal appears on the list.

18. (previously presented) A self-service terminal as claimed in claim 17, wherein node specific data is used to generate the unique identifier.

19. (new) The self-service terminal as claimed in claim 16, wherein the self-service terminal is an automated teller machine in a network comprising a plurality of automated teller machines operated by a common operator licensed to utilize the associated software and/or data.

20. (new) The self-service terminal as claimed in claim 19, wherein the automated teller machine executes license management software to generate its associated identifier, and wherein said list of unique identifiers licensed to utilize the associated software and/or data is generated at a remote server which communicates with the automated teller machine over the network.